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## THE LONG JOURNEY MUST CONTINUE

By J. C. Wilke, MD

Everyone reading this is quite familiar with the landmark US Supreme Court decision of January 1973, *Roe vs. Wade*. In retrospect, intelligent observers are quite aware that it and its companion case, *Doe vs. Bolton*, legalized abortion through the entire nine months of pregnancy in all fifty states and for literally any reason at all. This was not immediately apparent but slowly unfolded itself through a series of subsequent decisions. Let's give some detail to these decisions:

*Roe vs. Wade* instituted the right to abortion under a trimester scheme. The decision to have an abortion during the first three months was "left to the woman and her doctor." During the second trimester, the decision could be made only "to protect the woman's health." During the third trimester, steps could be taken to protect fetal life. However, the accompanying decision, *Doe vs. Bolton*, went much further and struck down literally all restrictions on abortion. It effectively legalized abortion-on-demand for nine months.

This is evident to us all now, but it was not exactly then. One question jumped out, "What of the husband's right to protect the life of his unborn child?" This was decided in July of 1976 in *Planned Parenthood vs. Danforth*. The Court ruled that the husband of a pregnant woman does not have "veto power" over the abortion decision. The same restriction applied to the parents of an unmarried pregnant girl. The Court also ruled that laws to prohibit the salt poisoning (late-term) type of abor-

tion were unconstitutional.

In the January 1979 *Colautti vs. Franklin* decision, the Court gave physicians broad discretion in determining the time of "fetal viability" and said that a state may protect a fetus that has reached viability, but that determination of viability is completely up to the physician, i.e. abortionist. This effectively ruled out any protection for late-term unborn babies.

After several years and conflicting lower court decisions, in June 1980, the *Harris vs. McRae* decision ruled that the government, federal or state, has no legal obligation to pay for "medically necessary" abortions. This meant all abortions, except those to save the life of the mother. This specifically meant that the Hyde Amendment, preventing federal funds being used for abortions, was now constitutional.

The Court ruled in *H.L. vs. Matheson* during 1981 that it was constitutional for a state to require parents of a minor daughter be notified of her decision to abort. The parents, however, had no right to protect the life of the child over their daughter's abortion decision.

In 1983, in the *City of Akron vs. Akron Center for Reproductive Health*, the Court ruled that informed consent for the pregnant woman was not required, that mandatory hospitalization for second-trimester abortions was unconstitutional and requiring "humane disposal of fetal remains" was unconstitutional.

In 1986, *Thornburgh vs. American*

*College of Ob and Gyn* ruled laws requiring informed consent were unconstitutional.

The Court took an ever so slight turn to the right in 1989. Its *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services* ruling slightly broadened restrictions on taxes to pay for abortion. It also ruled that an abortionist must use tests to determine viability rather than merely using his own clinical judgment.

In June 1992, there was great hope that *Roe vs. Wade* would be reversed. Those hopes were dashed in the *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey* decision, however, some reversals did occur. Informed consent was no longer unconstitutional, and parental notification of a minor's abortion and twenty-four hour waiting periods were now permitted. The trimester scheme was abandoned and the Court now spoke of an "undue burden" test. Lastly, spousal notification remained unconstitutional.

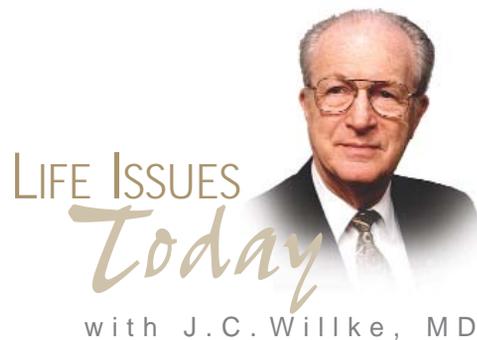
1995 was a harbinger of what was to come when the first partial-birth abortion ban, passed in Ohio, was struck down. In 1996, a reformulated ban was passed by Congress and vetoed by President Clinton. A second attempt was also vetoed a few years later.

During June 2000, in *Stenberg vs. Carhart*, the Supreme Court struck down state partial-birth abortion bans in Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Then, finally on April 18, 2007, the US Supreme Court upheld a federal partial-birth abortion ban when it voted 5 to 4

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# PRO-LIFE MESSAGE TAILORED for Jewish Community



“*The Fox, the Foetus and the Fatal Injection*” is a pro-life book authored by Daniel Levy, a Jewish Rabbi in the United Kingdom. There aren’t too many pro-life publications from a Jewish point-of-view, so we thought we would share this one with you. It is ninety-three pages and well worth reading.

Rabbi Daniel Levy heads the United Hebrew Congregation in Leeds, UK and is Orthodox. As a result, his thinking comes straight from the Torah. Since the author frequently uses Hebrew words and refers to various Orthodox Jewish rituals, he is obviously speaking to his own people. However, it is completely understandable to this Gentile.

Rabbi Levy is strongly pro-life. Abortion makes up a good bit of the beginning of the book. He also provides a reference to the fact that the British have recently outlawed fox hunting (thus the book’s title). He notes that “the fluffy fox, with his beady and tearful eyes, attracted more compassion (in Parliament) than the ultrasound scans of a child sucking his thumb in the womb.” He properly calls this a tragedy.

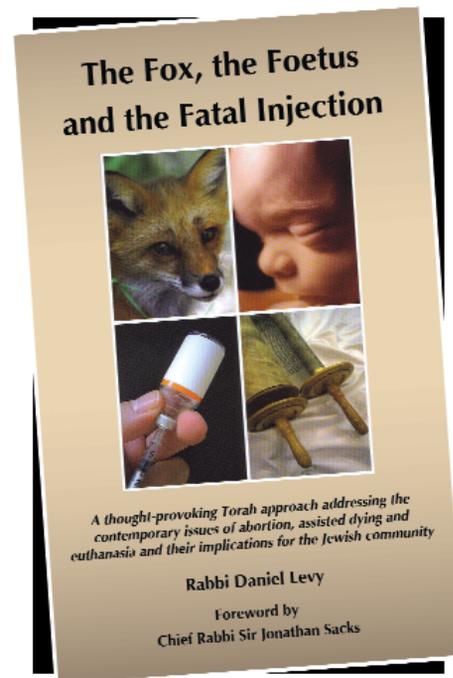
Not only does an observant Jew have the duty to obey God’s law on abortion and the obligation to teach his fellow Jews, but, according to the author, “the Jew has a crucial role to play. He cannot be a by-stander remaining aloof from the world’s conduct. The ancient Rabbi, Maimonides, said, ‘Moses, our teacher, instructed the Jewish people, having been authorized from the mouth of God, to convince all of the inhabitants of the world to observe the commandments given to the children of Noah. It is the Jew’s duty to see to it that all peoples lead the righteous and decent life which comes from compliance with God’s laws.’”

Rabbi Levy is just as definite in

his opposition to assisted-suicide and euthanasia, elaborating on this in some detail. He notes that in the Bible, the supreme virtue is to do that which is right “in the eyes of God.” To do that which is only right in your eyes is the “paradigm of lawlessness.” He notes that there are many people who are non-believers and who are open-minded, but do not believe in “religion.” Rabbi Levy writes that the person who claims to be a non-believer may not think that he believes in religion, but he does believe in something. It may be a belief in his inner desires, or a conviction of an incorrect theology. The tendency to believe is deeply embedded in the human mind and if not channeled in one path, it will be directed elsewhere. Without religion to temper and gauge a person’s behavior, that person is at greater risk of becoming a fanatic. The Torah way of life and belief, in contrast to the autonomous self, provides a controlled spiritual and moral framework within which a person may function responsibly.

In regard to suicide, he says, “Your power over the earth is lent to you by God for the fulfillment of your task in life. Accordingly then, your life should be lived in accordance with the teaching of the Torah. But if you regard the world as your own, and yourself as its master, then the contract is torn up and you are making sport of the Torah. Viewed in this light, to commit suicide is even a greater sin than to murder another person. This removes all possibility of repentance and the person who takes his own life denies the divine mastery and ownership of his life, of his body, and of his soul.”

In summary, this little book explains why it is that abortion, euthanasia and suicide are wrong. It does it using traditional, Hebrew words at times, words that



are intelligible to a Gentile, but which do resonate much more powerfully with fellow Jews.

Life Issues Institute recommends “*The Fox, the Foetus and the Fatal Injection*” as part of your pro-life educational tools to reach the Jewish community regarding the life issues. The cost of the book is only \$11.00, which covers shipping and handling. It can be ordered by contacting Rabbi Daniel Levy at [daniellevy@talktalk.net](mailto:daniellevy@talktalk.net) or by going to his website: [www.torahethics.net](http://www.torahethics.net).

in *Gonzales vs. Carhart*.

The history of the Supreme Court's rulings on abortion has been something of a roller coaster. Starting with the pair of ugly decisions, *Roe* and *Doe*, from a pro-life standpoint, this went downhill until it hit bottom with the *Akron* decision ruling that even humane disposal of fetal remains was unconstitutional. Since then it has slowly moved back uphill, particularly through two main decisions: *Casey* gave states the right to enact peripheral regulatory laws. With this, then came women's right to know laws, parental notification and consent, protection for the newly born infant, medical and hygienic inspection of abortion facilities, requirement for ultrasound and others. With these judicial openings, as many as two-thirds of our states have passed some or most of these protective laws. The result has been the decrease in the total number of abortions in the US from 1.6 to 1.2 million lives annually, and this in the face of an enlarging population base.

The latest move in our direction has been the recent *Gonzales* decision forbidding partial-birth abortion. The deciding vote in this 5 to 4 decision was by Justice Anthony Kennedy, who had been on the pro-abortion side prior to this. It can legitimately be debated that this decision may not save many unborn babies because it did not forbid late abortion by other techniques. Nevertheless, it marks a remarkable turn in our direction in many ways. Note that in all previous decisions the uterine occupant had been referred to as "potential life." That was yesterday. This life is now openly acknowledged. Post-abortion stress is discussed as a reality. The actual mechanism of the destruction of the child in utero is described in detail for the first time. As one reads through this decision, we are almost surprised at the end to find that Justice Kennedy still allows late-term abortion, for in many ways it reads like it was written by one of us.

Is this a move by Justice Kennedy in our direction? It certainly seems to be so. Will he move further in our direction on the next major decision? We hope and pray

that is the case.

Among those optimists are the pro-lifers in South Dakota. Their proposed law, if approved in November, would eliminate over 99% of all abortions, leaving legal only those from forcible rape and incest, and a very narrowly drawn physical health exception along with the life of the mother. They believe that such a statute might get Justice Kennedy's approval, and if that were to transpire, *Roe vs. Wade* will in effect be reversed.

One thing seems certain, that we will never win this in one, single stroke abolishing all abortions permanently. We will achieve victory by further incremental steps; at least your author is one who is convinced of this.

If a pro-abortion presidential candidate wins in November, all hope for further pro-life progress in our nation through Congress and the Court would be lost. This will be true for the next four and possibly eight years, because almost certainly there will be two and possibly more vacancies on the Supreme Court. As you can see from the list of their ages, the two most likely to retire are pro-abortion, but not too far behind them come our friends.

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On the other hand, if a pro-life presidential candidate is elected, and if true constitutional constructionists are appointed to fill likely vacancies, then we will have a clear anti-*Roe* majority and it will be reversed. This will return the issue to the states and remove the federal judiciary from the mix. Space here does not allow any prediction as to which state would do what, but within fairly short order, one-third of the states would then protect

unborn babies from conception or nearly so. One-third of the states would sharply limit abortions, but probably allow them for some reasons, or up until a certain age. Perhaps the other third would permit abortion-on-demand. The net result of this, however, would be the saving of millions of lives.

Then would begin the next long phase. The people of this nation would slowly become accustomed to the fact that abortion can be, and in many areas is, prohibited, and will realize that the sky didn't fall when abortion was forbidden. They will realize once again that we can welcome unborn babies back into our lives. Furthermore, of the remaining pro-abortion states, we will then see their numbers slowly chipped away. We will likely see, in one particular state, the Speaker of the House, who had been holding up pro-life legislation be replaced, and in the next legislative session that state will go pro-life. In another, a pro-abortion majority in its legislature will flip on this issue and that state will go pro-life. This trend will then continue until less than one-fourth of the states still allow abortion-on-demand.

When this greatly anticipated day arrives, we will finally be able to put through the US Congress a Human Life Amendment to protect all innocent human life and have it ratified by three fourths of the states. Your author and his wife will certainly not be alive to witness this event, but many of you reading this will be here when this great day occurs. Until that happens, we, and those who follow behind us, must continue the journey. ☀



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# The Stem Cell Argument is Over

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It looks like the argument over embryonic stem cells is finally over. It will be if the secular press and a great number of politicians are willing to look and listen, even briefly, to the scientific happenings of the last six months. To read most of the secular press, one gets the impression that human embryonic stem cells contain within themselves the secrets of an amazing number of cures for human injuries and diseases. Just give them enough time and money and they will present to us a cornucopia of a new world of medical miracles. Based on these rosy predictions, huge amounts of money have been appropriated to fund this needed investigation, i.e. three billion dollars in California and other major sums elsewhere. Some time has now passed, and to date almost no curative discoveries in animals have materialized and a sum total of zero cures have been achieved for humans.

Needless to say, any attentive person has certainly been aware of a continuing chain of reports on the benefits available through *adult* stem cells and those obtained from the umbilical cord and placenta. Hardly a week goes by without hearing of another advance of using adult stem cells in humans. However, a majority of those in the US Congress and many other legislative bodies seem to have turned a deaf ear to the adult stem cell progress, or at least have continued to place their absolute trust in the much ballyhooed potential for embryonic stem cells.

The three strikes against the use of embryonic stem cells in humans have been available for anyone to see and are worth renewing:

1) The moral objection is obvious. Human embryonic stem cells are obtained by killing a five-day-old living human embryo and extracting the cells from within that tiny forming body. For many, this moral objection is totally governing.

2) These cells are foreign tissue if implanted in a human. The embryo has a different DNA and cells extracted from this tiny body will probably be rejected by the recipient body, just as a transplanted kidney would be. The counter argument has been that these are so primitive that they will not be rejected — a fact not proven. And, that if we clone these embryos, then most of the rejection potential will be neutralized. Again, this is an unproven claim.

3) These cells placed in animal bodies frequently form tumors. They tend to grow uncontrollably into many different cellular types, which may be malignant and fatal to the recipient. Their response has been that there must be an answer for this if

only research continues. And so the clamor for using your tax money for further research on embryonic stem cells continues.

But now we have a startling and a very welcome development. In the last six months there has been a series of scientific breakthroughs that probably have rendered all of the above arguments moot.

The first was in November. There was an announcement in two scientific journals that top level researchers, one in Japan and one in Wisconsin, had found a new method of obtaining embryonic stem cells. They were able to reprogram ordinary adult skin cells to create “induced pluripotent stem cells” which are the equivalent of embryonic stem cells. Dr. James Thomson of the Wisconsin team, who had first discovered stem cells a few years ago and has been a pioneer in continuing research since, stated that these cells “meet the defining criteria for pluripotent human embryonic stem cells.” The method that he and the Japanese scientist, Professor Yamanaka, used is efficient and cost effective. The skin cells used are those of the patient himself, and therefore these new pluripotent cells, re-implanted in this original body will not be rejected — for they are the same DNA as the patient’s. This eliminates the tissue rejection problem. This also eliminates the moral question of killing five-day-old embryos to obtain these cells. An initial criticism was that the cells used to date have been fetal skin cells. This problem has been eliminated by currently using adult skin cells.

Scientific breakthroughs, such as this, are commonly viewed with some suspicion and hesitancy by the medical community until they are replicated by other scientists. Happily, we have been blessed by this confirmation happening rather promptly. Scientists at Harvard University have repeated studies similar to the Wisconsin and Japanese ones and found them legitimate. Their report is that this new approach is “not a fluke,” but a legitimate method of reducing the need for killing human embryos to advance science. Another medical center at UCLA in California, using the same technique, has also replicated these findings. They have reported their new stem cells to be “virtually indistinguishable from human embryonic stem cells.” It is noted that both of these new studies have used adult skin cells.

It would seem that a number of the barriers have fallen. The moral issue of killing five-day-old human embryos is moot if you use the patient’s own cells rather than the cells of a

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# Steve Said No

a Compelling Message for Teen Abstinence

In the last edition of *Connector*, we ran an article called *Wet Mascara*, a story about a high school girl who said no to sex. This time we'd like to share the same point-of-view, this time from a guy's perspective. It was originally published in *Voice Magazine* and written by Steve Denniston.

"I sit here in the dark on the hood of my car overlooking the city, and I'm full of indecision, frustration and hurt. I feel like going and driving up in the hills as fast as I can with the music on so loud I won't even be able to hear the engine or the squealing tires. But instead, I've chosen to sit here in silence, by myself, trying to sort out my thoughts and staring at the lights of the city.

"I think back to the discussion we had tonight. You just couldn't handle my morals. You misunderstood what I said. 'Do you think I'm pretty?' you asked. Do you think I'd bother with someone I thought was ugly? I had always noticed you in the crowd. You always stood out; you probably always will. 'Do you love me?' you asked. Do you think I'd go out with someone for three months if I didn't think there was a future? I put a lot of time and effort into trying to make you feel like you were someone very special to me.

"If you think I'm pretty, and if you love me, then why won't you? I love you too.' After all I had said, you still didn't understand. And so you left my car to go find someone who thought you were pretty, who loved you, and who would also take you to bed as that final proof. All you said during the ride home was, 'Forget it, it's not worth the trouble.' I knew you didn't mean you had dropped the argument. You had dropped me.

"That wasn't the only time we had talked about having sex. You had pressed me other times, and I had declined then too. I guess about the time I ran out of reasons,

you ran out of understanding, and you weren't about to listen to me again. You thought my reasons were stupid or, as you put it, 'little petty excuses.'

"She thought my 'excuses' were stupid, but are they? You can't deny that the more you play around with fire, the more likely you are to get burned. The less you sleep around, the less likely you are to get something that will change your life for the worse.

"But, for me, it wasn't only the AIDS scare, it was more than that. It's always been easier for people to say 'I love you', rather than mean 'I love you.' I always loved you, even when we fought. You just couldn't see that. And it was this love that kept me from taking you to bed. How can I make you understand that love is patience, not lust?

"I'm also not ready for the pressures of a sexual relationship and what it brings. It just isn't only fun and games — it just isn't being close — it's also responsibility. You could get pregnant, and I wouldn't even go into that. I'm not ready to be a father.

"When we first started dating, I wanted to get to know you better. Most couples usually say that, I guess. After a few months they think they know each other and they're ready to progress into something bigger and better. I think about my best friend whom I've known for seven years. To think I knew him in two months is ridiculous. I still find out new things about him that surprise me.

"What it boils down to is this: what is going to help our relationship grow more? Being close and intimate physically, or talking and learning more about each other? When we fight, what solves our problems more often — a kiss or talking it out?



"Intimacy is something else we differ on. You thought being intimate had to be physical. In your opinion, the closest form of intimacy is sex, which you wanted. For me, intimacy doesn't have to be physical — talking can be intimate.

"And, finally, I'm a Christian, and I have a responsibility to keep myself pure in God's eyes. He wouldn't look at us, realize we were in love and decide sex was okay just because we loved each other. If you tried to destroy every reason I thought of, this one would still stand. You will never change my relationship with God.

"Having thought all of this through now, I guess I feel a bit better. The hood of my car where I'm sitting is getting cold, so I guess I'll go home. It still hurts that you've left me. I still feel frustrated. If you could have understood, it might have worked out. But my indecision is now gone, my beliefs are firm. I just hope you won't get hurt living the way you believe. I know I won't." 🌀

## Phill Kline Awarded

# HERO at Heart



Life Issues Institute is happy to announce the newest recipient of its prestigious *Hero at Heart* award. This honor is bestowed on those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding courage and compassion on behalf of innocent human life. Past recipients include Congressman Henry Hyde and an Olympian athlete.

We are pleased to announce that Phill Kline has been the latest distinguished individual to receive this award. As Kansas state Attorney General, Mr. Kline took on two giants of the abortion industry, Planned Parenthood and George Tiller, a notorious late-term abortionist also known as “Tiller the Killer.”

Kline brought to light the fact that dozens of girls as young as 11 or 12 have been subjected to abortions, while not one count of sexual assault on a child has been pursued. Evidence seemed to suggest that Planned Parenthood has been cooperating with sexual predators to cover up criminal activity. Mr. Kline has also charged that Planned Parenthood has performed illegal, late-term abortions in violation of Kansas law.

Phill Kline has not backed down in the face of relentless and withering personal and professional attacks. Those zealously guarding the right to abortion-on-demand have opposed Kline at every turn, including the unlawful falsification of documents and failure to comply with required state guidelines and medical



*Dr. Willke, Phill Kline and Bradley Mattes*

reporting. His primary opponent obstructing this investigation recently resigned his elected position in the wake of a sex scandal. In contrast, Mr. Kline’s dedication to justice and the protection of innocent human life has been remarkable.

Dr. Willke, President of Life Issues Institute, said, “Phill has boldly gone where few have dared to tread. He’s marched into the lion’s den to protect young girls being victimized by the abortion industry. No one is more deserving of this award than Phill.”

Please keep the ongoing efforts of Phill Kline in your prayers. The opponents of life will continue their assaults and harassment as he strives to shine a light on the truth. Our congratulations to Mr. Phill Kline for being a *Hero at Heart!* ☀

## The Argument is Over *from page 4*

different human embryo. The problem of tissue rejection is solved if you use the patient’s own cells to produce these new cells and then return them to his body. However, there was a third major problem, and that was the proclivity to form tumors. Would these new cells have the same problem as the cells from an embryo?

We now have heard, just in the last few weeks, of a further remarkable advance. Professor Yamanaka, the same scientist who did one of the first two reports above, has just announced that his team has found a way to grow these induced pluripotent cells without triggering tumor growth. He has successfully avoided tumor growth for six months now in the mice he is currently treating with these induced pluripotent stem cells. Again, this will need to be continued and replicated by other legitimate scientists, but assuming that it is, it looks now like the last major barrier to the use of these very primitive cells has been eliminated. If this is true, many of the rosy predictions held out for embryonic stem cells may now come true using these

new pluripotent cells.

In the last few years, we have seen remarkable and heartening discoveries and progress using adult stem cells. Will these new cells add to the progress already made by adult stem cells in curing human conditions? Is it possible that these new cells may even be capable of doing a better job than adult stem cells? Stay tuned.

It would certainly seem that a new era is dawning. Let’s pray to Almighty God that this will be true. ☀

**CORRECTION:** In the front-page article of our February issue, Vicki Thorn was mistakenly identified as post-abortive. She is not and we regret the error.

From the  
*Executive Director*



## *Man's Heart is Still Evil*

Bradley Mattes



**M**y family and I recently joined millions of Americans to celebrate Easter. A Good Friday family tradition for us is watching *The Passion of the Christ*. As the movie began to unfold in Gethsemane, I was struck by the blatant injustice of it all. Yes, Jesus had to pay the ultimate price for *our* sins, but it was more than that.

Those involved in the trial and crucifixion process had to climb over facts or totally ignore them at every turn. The end justified the means and they weren't going to let any pesky truths — big or small — get in their way. Now, bear with me. I'm going someplace with this.

Even in the pitch blackness of Gethsemane, the soldiers couldn't miss the fact that one of them had just gotten his ear severed from his head, only to have Jesus miraculously reattach it before their eyes. This, one would logically reason, should make them reconsider their mission of arrest and brutal treatment. Were the soldiers drunk and didn't notice? And certainly they had heard about Lazarus, the healed lepers and the blind who saw. Word got around in those small towns. Or didn't they remember?

Then there was the kangaroo court before Caiaphas under the cover of darkness. But it wouldn't end there. It's off to Pilate because the Sanhedrin didn't have the legal authority to sentence a man to death. However, Pilate, realizing Jesus was a political hot potato, didn't want to be responsible for that kind of decision and tried to pass the buck to Herod. Only Herod tossed Jesus back into his lap. Knowing in his heart of hearts that he was innocent; Pilate first put on a righteous show of washing his hands of Jesus' blood before giving the mob what it demanded. Surely the death of this innocent man came back to haunt him during quieter moments.

What undoubtedly is the most memorable part of "The Passion" movie was the unmitigated cruel scourging and crucifixion — the tearing of flesh, the dripping blood and Jesus' anguished cries of pain. The Roman soldiers appeared intoxicated with sheer evil as they delighted in his suffering and death. And yet, in the midst of his execution, Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." It's a very difficult movie to watch, especially knowing it's a true story and that we are the reason it had to play out.

As tragic and sad as the movie was, it had a happy ending when Jesus walked out of the tomb, triumphant over death. But nearly the entire movie had dealt with the anguish leading up to those last few victorious seconds. As the credits ran, the feeling of guilt, shame and sadness for what we had just witnessed hung on like oppressive summer heat.

*The Passion of the Christ* reminded me that man has changed little over the centuries. Our hearts are still inherently evil. Apart from the grace of the Holy Spirit, we too, like the Roman soldiers, become intoxicated with evil.

Abortion is all the evidence we need. The blatant injustice is obvious. How many facts do *we* need to climb over? The evidence of the unborn child is for everyone to see: the ultrasounds, intrauterine surgeries and the devastating emotional pain after abortion. It's as if society is drunk and hasn't noticed.

And there's that kangaroo court. *Roe vs. Wade* was decided on lies that Norma McCorvey and Sandra Cano have now brought to light. There's been no justice for the little ones. State legislatures and Congress, realizing abortion is a political hot potato; have tried to pass the buck to the courts, only to have it thrown

back into their laps. Elected officials and judges know in their heart of hearts that the unborn child is innocent, but they piously put on a show of washing their hands of the blood and wrap themselves in "pro-choice" rhetoric. Judges, legislators, abortionists and yes, even the parents, deny their responsibility. Surely the death of the innocents comes back to haunt during quieter moments.

Perhaps what causes the most anguish is the unmitigated brutality in the womb — the tearing of flesh, the dripping blood and the anguished cries of pain and remorse by those involved. And yet, in the midst of this human carnage, many parents chose abortion because "they know not what they do."

But since the story of "The Passion" is true, there can be a happy ending. Because — as the movie depicts during those fleeting last seconds — Jesus was triumphant over death, there is hope and healing after abortion.

In the end, Jesus said, "It is finished." He died and rose to cover every demonic sin man's evil heart can conceive — even the sin of abortion. If you or someone you know is struggling from the pain of abortion, we can stand with you in the shadow of the cross to find hope and healing.

In part, God has put us on this earth — in this time and place — to educate America to the ghastly reality of abortion. Our assignment is to lovingly but firmly shine a light on the ugliness of abortion. Our task is to change the hearts and minds of Americans on abortion, while letting them in on the happy ending. ☀



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# X C H A N G E

## *Showing the Appealing Side of Adoption*

Moms ALIVE started out in 2002 as an adoptive mom's support group and has developed into an adoption advocacy organization reaching tens of thousands of Tennessee high school students. The word ALIVE stands for "Adoptive Life is Very Exciting." To date their speaker's bureau has addressed over 25,000 Middle Tennessee students, providing vital education on more than just the option of adoption.

Their goal is to provide students with factual information on the three options available to teens facing an unexpected pregnancy: abortion, parenting and adoption. This is accomplished by first educating students about fetal life, an eye-opening experience for most of them.

Then accurate medical information is shared regarding the truth about abortion. No graphic images are shown.

During the topic of parenting, students are informed about documented government statistics regarding the pitfalls of children growing up in a fatherless home. The

clear message is that children need both a mom and dad.

When it comes to the option of adoption, teens are often surprised to learn they have a variety of choices. Birthmothers and fathers can choose from a confidential adoption to one that is open or any level in-between. Most face a new realization that adoption is a very loving and caring act by the birthmother that has a positive and life-affirming impact on those involved.

The group has found they are able to get into public schools when addressing the issue of adoption — doors normally closed to them when solely discussing abortion.

An added goal of Moms ALIVE is to export their thorough adoption presentation throughout the United States. They would be more than happy to assist you in reaching teens in your local community. 

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